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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Marc R Filipczyk

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-35 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 14 March 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

This Action is responsive to Applicant's RCE request and amendment filed on February 17, 2004 (paper # 7 and 8).

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on February 17, 2004 has been entered.

Claims 1-35 remain for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-35 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Vaithilingam et al. (hereinafter Vait) (U.S. Patent No. 6,411,724).

Regarding claims 1, 6, 10, 15, 19, 24, 28 and 32, Vait discloses a method/system of forming a semantic description for content data, comprising the steps of: (title)

Retrieving plurality of component semantic descriptions (col. 2, lines 50-64) stored remotely from the content data (col. 3, lines 28 and 29, and col. 7, lines 49-52) according to reference information associated with the content data; (fig. 1) and

Generating a semantic description for said content data using some component semantic descriptions and reference information associated with said content data (fig. 2, items 120 and 132), wherein said semantic description describes an underlying meaning of said content data (fig. 2, block 133 and 134).

Regarding claims 2, 3, 11, 12, 20, 21, 29 and 30, Vait discloses modifying and extracting one or more component semantic descriptions to generate the semantic description (col. 10, lines 33-36).

Regarding claim 4, 13, 22 and 31, Vait discloses combining one or more component semantic descriptions to generate the semantic description (col. 10, lines 26 and 27).

Regarding claim 5, 14 and 23, Vait discloses the method of claim 1 is performed in response to a request for said semantic description (col. 2, lines 39-49).

(Note: query is a request)

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Regarding claims 7, 8, 16, 17, 25, 26, 33 and 34, Vait discloses an internet network and using URIs to each component semantic description stored on the internet to facilitate access (col. 8, lines 47-52).

(Note: URL link along with a primary key identifier is equivalent to a URI's function)

Regarding claim 9, 18, 27 and 35, Vait discloses component semantic descriptions are stored in a control dictionary (col. 6, lines 58-65 and col. 7, lines 2-8).

(Note: a predefined, updateable standard notation stored in a controlled facility is a control dictionary)

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed on February 17, 2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The arguments and responses are listed below.

Applicant argues on page 10 of the 2/17/2004 response that fig. 1 of Vait does not describe reference data associated with content data, further, "Vait does not describe generating a semantic description for content data using one or more component semantic descriptions and the reference information associated with the content data, wherein the semantic description describes an underlying meaning of the content data."

In response to Applicant's arguments, Examiner disagrees. It appears that the Applicants misunderstood Vait system. Vait uses and generates metadata for content data (see fig. 2). Further, regarding metadata, it is notoriously well known in the computer art that metadata is

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data about other data, thus metadata is the "reference" data of other data wherein the reference data partially describes the content data. Hence, Vait clearly discloses metadata (fig. 2).

The remaining independent claims 10, 19 and 28 contain the same subject matter as claim 1 and are therefore rejected on the same ground.

With respect to all the pending claims 1-35, Examiner respectfully traverses Applicant's assertion based on the discussion cited above, as such, Examiner maintains the same rejections.

Conclusion

To expedite the process of examination Examiner requests that all future correspondences in regard to overcoming prior art rejections or other issues (e.g. 35 U.S.C. 112, objections and amendments) that Applicants provide and link to the most specific page and line numbers of the disclosure where the best support is found (see 35 U.S.C. 132).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Marc R Filipczyk whose telephone number is 703-305-7156.

The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri, 8am-4:30pm.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Safet Metjahic can be reached on 703-308-1436. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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